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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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SUBJECT: Counterintelligence

I have given some thought to the broad counterintelligence project and have listed some of the questions that I believe need to be answered. After we decide on the specific questions and issues, it is important that we determine how we obtain the necessary resources to perform the study, as well as the making of appropriate assignments and establishing the requisite deadlines. Listed below are the questions that have occurred to me:

1. What should be encompassed in the definition of counterintelligence? Should the definition be broadened? What matters that are now being conducted as counterintelligence activities should be eliminated from the program?

2. What are the total resources now devoted to counterintelligence and how are those resources allocated?

3. What organizations are presently conducting counterintelligence and what, in fact, are they doing?

4. What are the resources necessary to accomplish an effective counterintelligence mission and how should they be allocated?

5. Who should oversee counterintelligence programs?

6. What group or groups should be implementing the various counterintelligence programs?

7. What legal or policy changes are necessary to effectuate a more comprehensive or effective counterintelligence program?

8. What, if any, resources are necessary to conduct research and development (R&D) with respect to counterintelligence, who should provide the R&D and how should each assignment be made?

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9. How do we presently identify foreign intelligence or espionage efforts?

10. What is the extent of current foreign intelligence and espionage efforts, including identification and quantification of those efforts?

11. What can be done to discourage foreign intelligence or espionage, or, indeed, what, if any, steps are available that can be adopted as a prophylactic against such foreign efforts?

12. What are the various U.S. interests that are most vulnerable to foreign intrusion and what methods are needed for providing such protection.

13. How should our counterintelligence program operate, listing the pros and cons of utilizing existing elements, as well as the establishment of a new entity or entities to perform such a role.

I await your further advice on this matter.

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